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GRANULATES FROM INTERMEDIATE  
PRODUCTS OF THERMOPLASTIC  
POLYESTERS AND COPOLYESTERS

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add new claims 20-37 as follows.

20. (New) A method for forming drops of preproducts of thermoplastic polyesters or copolyesters like molten monomer, oligomer, monomer-glycol-mixture or of a molten preproduct after a partially polycondensation and a melting of the same, wherein the drops of said preproduct is introduced into a gaseous medium, characterized in that said gaseous medium accelerates the crystallization procedure of said drops of said preproduct having drops of a diameter from 0.3 to 3 mm after said

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